



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Dennis McDevitt et al.
Application No. : 10/629,978
Filing Date : July 30, 2003
Entitled : SELF-LOCKING SUTURE ANCHOR
Atty. Docket No. : 22956-234 (MIT-224CON2)

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: P. Vrettakos

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By:

Lisa J. Michaud

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to make special the above-referenced patent application and, thereby, to accelerate its examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d) and MPEP 708.02(II). Accompanying this Petition is a check in the amount of \$130.00, as required by 37 CFR 1.17(h). Please charge any additional fees necessary for this Petition to Deposit Order Account 141449.

Applicants request that this application be made special on the basis of actual infringement. In accordance with MPEP 708.02(II), Applicant's undersigned representative hereby declares the following:

1. There is a device currently sold in the United States that infringes at least one claim currently pending in the above-referenced patent application.

2. A rigid comparison of the infringing device with the claims of the present application has been made, and, in my opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed.

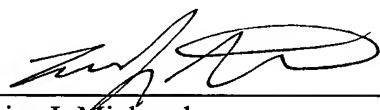
3. A careful and thorough search of the prior art has been made, and a copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims was made of record in an Information Disclosure Statement previously filed on September 30, 2003, and additional references from an updated search are made of record in an Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith.

4. The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

For all of the aforementioned reasons, Applicants respectfully request that this application be made special. Should any questions arise in connection with this Petition to Make Special, please call the attorney whose name appears below.

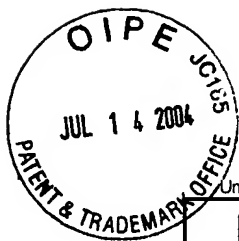
Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 12, 2004



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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 130.00

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None

☐ Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number 141449

Deposit Account Name Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	130.00
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 130.00

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below		Fee Paid
Total Claims	30	-30** =		x	= 0.00
Independent Claims	7	-7** =		x	= 0.00
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0.00

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

SUBMITTED BY

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